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## **Staff Council Standing Committee Minutes**



Committee Name: Career Development Committee

**Regular Meeting time:** 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month, noon to 1:00 p.m.

Meeting Date and Place: Faculty Staff Club, Room 101

Members Present: Marsha Baumeister, Suzanne McConaghy, Joyce Krantman, Veronica Gonzales,

Barbara Shortman

Members Excused: Ginger Richter, Penny Hogan

Members Absent: Veronica Gonzales

**Guests Present:** 

Minutes submitted by: Marsha Baumeister

	Subject	Notes	Follow-Up
1	Resignations	During the past month, Marsha has been asked by the	
		following to accept their resignation due to increased	
		workloads and/or demands outside of work:	
		Kay Jantz	
		Deb Battin	
		Judy Kay	
		CDC now has 7 members	
2	•	Mary Clark had asked for input from each committee on	Marsha will e mail these to Mary.
	than compensation/	this topic as part of Staff Caring for Staff initiative. We	
	budget/promotions)	came up with the following:	
		* Clearer explanation about "hidden" or little known	
		benefits such as Flexible Spending Account, Long Term	
		Care.	
		* more detail about dependent tuition, how it works or	
		doesn't in conjunction with Lottery scholarship, required	
		grade point average, etcthe full picture	
		* updated info re "discounted services". Since staff is	
		losing compensation, it's more important than ever that	
		these benefits be made known and increased. What about	
		HR going to vendors like restaurants to see if discounts will	
		be offered? Groceries/Costco?	
		* information about financial planning (other than TIAA	
		CREF)maybe a webinar or EOD class	
3			
	Possible reduction or	It was agreed:	
	elimination of non-		Marsha will e mail this
	credit tuition remission	The Career Development Committee's position is that	position statement (after
		there be no reduction to non-credit tuition remission for	any corrections made by
		staff. We take this position for the following reasons:	CDC members) to Merle
			since he has a seat on
		<ol> <li>Professional development: the ability to take</li> </ol>	President Schmidly's Cost
		professional development classes is more than a	Containment Task Force.
		benefit, since the Career Development Policy	
		3260 specifically encourages staff to participate in	
		some form of career development and the first	
		bullet point is "continuous occupational and/or	
		professional education and training to maintain	
		expertise." Many department managers require	
		their staff to not only maintain but improve	

	Develop a cost sharing process wherein employees take on a portion of the cost of professional development classes.     Eliminate personal enrichment classes only.	
	expertise through professional development, particularly in these times where positions are being paused and staff must learn new skills. In addition, on the annual performance review form, University Value # 6, Freedom of Speech, Inquiry, Pursuit of Ideas and creative activity" specifically cites "staying current in field" and "demonstrating an interest in learning" as examples of completing this value. Elimination of non-credit tuition remission offered for Continuing Education classes would make maintaining professional expertise expensive and difficult to maintain.  2. Recovering what is reduced: we know that once something is gone (i.e., an increase in employee contribution to the ERB), it is very difficult to get it back. What mechanism/time limitation would be put in place to guarantee that after, say, FY13, whatever reduction decision is made, would be eliminated?	